

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Original) A strip for use in manufacturing a flexible pipe or tube, said strip comprising a thermoplastic matrix with reinforcing elements, characterized in that said strip further comprises a barrier layer, said barrier layer being bonded to said thermoplastic matrix.
2. (Original) A strip according to claim 1, wherein said reinforcing elements are elongated metal elements such as steel wires or steel cords.
3. (Currently amended) A strip according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein said barrier layer is of a thermoplastic material, which is co-extruded or co-laminated with said thermoplastic matrix.
4. (Currently amended) A strip according to claim 3, wherein said thermoplastic material of said barrier layer is selected of a group consisting of fluoropolymers, polyethylene vinyl alcohol, polyamides, polymers with liquid crystals, halogenids of polyvinylidene, polyacrylonitriles, [...] and the like.
5. (Currently amended) A strip according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 2~~ claim 1, wherein said barrier layer is a continuous metal layer.
6. (Currently amended) A strip according to claim 5, wherein said continuous metal layer has been laminated on said thermoplastic matrix.
7. (Currently amended) A strip according to claim 5, wherein said continuous metal layer has been vacuum deposited on said thermoplastic matrix.

8. (Currently amended) A strip according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, said thermoplastic matrix having a matrix width, said barrier having a barrier width, said barrier width exceeding said matrix width so that said barrier has one or two zones which are not bonded to said matrix.
9. (Original) A strip according to claim 8, wherein said strip barrier has only one zone which is not bonded to said matrix.
10. (Currently amended) A strip according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein said thermoplastic matrix at the side opposite to said barrier layer has been modified or is provided with a tie layer for promoting the adhesion with the material of the flexible pipe or tube.
11. (Currently amended) A flexible pipe or tube comprising a strip according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1.
12. (Original) A method of manufacturing a flexible pipe or tube, said method comprising the steps of:
  - a) providing a cylindrical core;
  - b) providing a thermoplastic matrix strip;
  - c) bonding a barrier layer to said thermoplastic matrix strip;helically winding said thermoplastic matrix strip with said barrier layer around said cylindrical core.